



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, August 2, 2021

Millage Rate Public Hearing and Vote

10:00am

City Hall - Council Chambers

Pre-Council Meeting

6:15pm

City Hall - Admin Conference Room

Mayor and Council Meeting

6:45pm

City Hall - Council Chambers

COMMUNITY RELATIONS



Teacher Appreciation Luncheon:

The City of Smyrna recognized our educators with a lunch celebration in the Community Center Gym on Monday, July 26.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS



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Pictured above from left to right: Mayor Derek Norton, Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch, Councilmember Lewis Wheaton PhD, Mayor Pro Tem Tim Gould, and Councilmember Travis Lindley.

UPCOMING MEETINGS CONT.

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

Housing Authority Meeting

6:00pm

Fire Station No.1, Centennial Room

Smyrna Circulator Task Force

12:00pm

City Hall - HR Training Room



State of the City:

Mayor Derek Norton gave his first State of the City address since taking office on Wednesday, July 28th. During his address, the Mayor recapped governing during the COVID-19 Pandemic, hiring key staff, and bringing the City together through Support Smyrna for more than 300 attendees.

SMYRNA LIBRARY AND MUSEUM



Summer Reading:

Juvenile readers have logged 120,000 minutes of reading so far this summer, and the teen participants have collectively read 104 books. There is still time to report minutes and claim prizes! Participants may log their minutes through Saturday, July 31 on the Beanstack app or by turning in a paper log at the Youth Services desk.

Professional Development: Technical Services Librarian, Ruth Hayden, has been asked to speak on a panel at the annual TLCU Conference in October. She will share strategies, policies and procedures she developed to create better search tools and functionality for the library's catalog.

Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge ran across this fun poem about Smyrna in the Marietta Journal, January 26, 1888:

Our Smyrna's climbing up the hill,
 Let someone soon put up a mill,
 And let some Marsh of Salt Springs fame,
 Come here and do the very same
 Big Thing for Smyrna, and her waters,
 For we have mineral fountains pure,
 With noble sons and pretty daughters,
 As hath Austell – of this we are sure.

Recruiting Docents

What's A Docent? Docents are volunteers unique to the museum field whose main responsibilities are to guide visitors around a museum and answer their questions. Docents are extremely important as they often are the trained ambassadors and front line of a museum.

Shifts: We are looking for volunteers who can commit to a three hour shift at least once a month, from Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Responsibilities: Duties will include greeting visitors and informing them about the museum, giving tours of the museum exhibits to small groups, organizing brochures and light paperwork, some computer work like web-browsing, and light cleaning of the floor and exhibits. Docents might also be asked to open and close the museum and be in charge of locking up the building.

Interested? Email Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge at jeldredge@smyrna.gov.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Adopt-a-Mile: Ten volunteer groups went out for the July Adopt-a-Mile cleanup with 78 total volunteers this past weekend. Volunteers cleaned 12 miles of roadway in the City and picked up 780 lbs. of litter.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Cleanups, August 9th, August 18th

Rivers Alive, August 14th

Document Shredding, October 2nd

Bulky Trash Amnesty Day, November 6th

Adopt-a-Tree:

13 tree seedlings are currently available at the recycling center: 1 pecan, 1 elm, 4 maple, 1 oak, and 6 sycamore. This year the Adopt-a-Tree program has given away 395 tree seedlings. If you would like a tree seedling contact Julie.

HUMAN RESOURCES



Donald Baker
Public Works
Equipment
Operator Sr.
Hired: 07/26/2021



Eugenia Davis
Administration
Customer Service
Receptionist PT
Hired: 07/26/2021



Mark Haberlen
Recycling Center
Recycling Center
Attendant
Hired: 07/27/2021



Anthony Sandoval
Police Department
Police Officer
Hired: 07/26/2021



Matthew Edwards
Police Department
Police Officer
Hired: 07/26/2021

**Welcome
to
Smyrna!**

**Happy Anniversary
Master Patrol Officer David Elrod!**

Police Department
Hired: 07/31/2006
15 Years of Service

PUBLIC WORKS

Street Department

Curb and Gutter: The Street Department is working on curb and gutter repairs for this coming year's resurfacing street list. These repairs must be made before the roadway is paved to prevent digging newly paved roads.

Speed Table: The Street department has completed the raised cross walk/speed table on Campbell Road at Howell Drive.

Concord Road Sidewalk: This week, we continue to tie the existing sidewalks together on Concord Road between Fire Station 2 and South Cobb Drive. The project is **80%** complete.

Public Works South Cobb Drive Water Line

Project Phase II: The project's scope of work involves installing new 8-inch and 12-inch water main lines on the east and west sides of South Cobb Drive from Benson Poole Road to Concord Road. The contractor has completed laying about **80%** of the new water main. The major intersection on Concord at South Cobb along with Powder Springs at South Cobb remains to be completed due to the complexity of the existing water main needing to be tied on to new ductile iron. The project is overall **87%** complete.



SPLOST

Windy Hill Boulevard: Baldwin is installing a temporary road and parts of the permanent road on the western end of the project near South Cobb Drive. All of the side streets have been paved and the second lift of asphalt has been installed on the new west bound lanes. The contractor has been working on the western end of the project on South Cobb at Windy Hill installing GAB, getting it ready for asphalt. They are also getting ready to pour new curb and gutters as well as the new sidewalk between Ventura Road and South Cobb Drive.

PUBLIC WORKS

Water/Sewer Division

Yearly Modeling: The Water Sewer Division is currently working on yearly sewer modeling to ensure that all sanitary sewer main lines that convey the bulk of the sanitary flow in the City are sufficient to cover all current and new development. This includes all sub basins, that were completed with dry weather flows. Wet weather flows are currently underway at **60%** completion. Once these basins have been completed, this will ensure the city has adequate capacity for future growth. This year should complete the sewer model for the City, not only to ensure growth but to be adequate for the North Metro District audit.

CCTV and Sonar: Sewer crews are proceeding in Ward 7 with preventative maintenance. CCTV and sonar of the sewer systems are being utilized to ensure sewer flow is not impeded with blockages, and that pipes are in good condition. Crews will work from Ward to Ward until the City is completed. Once all the data is collected, Public Works management staff will evaluate conditions to put together future predictions of repairs and replacements. The overall project in Ward 7 is **100%** complete. Ward 6 is scheduled to begin the first week of August.

Back Flow Testing: Water Distribution has also started the City's first back flow inventory and testing program. This is done through a third-party participant (BSI ONLINE), who handles all documentation related to state and federal mandates along with ensuring the devices are tested. Being this is the first year of the project, we will only be tracking commercial accounts. After the completion of commercial accounts, Public Works will then enforce the testing of residential backflows as well. **38%** of commercial customers have submitted passing testing results so far this year.

LMIG: The Water, Sewer, and Street departments have completed the evaluation of all underground infrastructure for the LMIG resurfacing program. This included video inspection and cleaning to check the condition and integrity of the pipes before our upcoming yearly paving schedule. This will ensure that we will not have any issues under newly paved roads, and will save us from redigging newly paved roads. The inspection and cleaning of the project is **100%** Complete. All repairs have been scheduled and are underway on underground infrastructure. 2136 Nancy Circle Project has been repaired with cured in-place liner and will be completed when landscape repairs are made. All repairs consist of Goodwood Blvd, Campbell Rd, Hawthorne Ave, Marston, Vineyard Way, North Cooper Lake Dr., and Hickory Lane.

AMI: The Water Distribution Meter Change out program will consist of 3,500 meters and 1,400 dials to be changed out in calendar year 2021. 4,200 meters and 420 dials have been changed as of 7/23/2021. This is a joint effort between the Water Distribution Office and Utility Billing. Once this round of meters has been changed out to the new allegro meter, it will bring our program to roughly 8,900 meter changes. After we have successfully changed all mechanical meter to the digital allegro meter, this will allow the city to progress into Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI). AMI is an integrated system of smart meters, communications networks, and data management systems that enable two-way communication between utilities and customers.

[Read more about Advanced Metering Infrastructure here.](#)



Congrats Tanh Hunyh: Public Works would like to celebrate the retirement of Mr. Hunyh and thank him for his 19 years of loyal service. Tanh was a crew leader for the street department over landscaping and sod yard repairs.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Smyrna Fire Totals

Fire: 1

Medical: 71

Other: 52

Total Calls for Service: 124

Smyrna Training Division Attends Fire Rescue International Conference:

Facing challenges head-on is what we do as fire and emergency service leaders, and this past year was no exception. There has never been a more essential time for the fire and EMS community to come together. That is why the IAFC has been working hard to make safe on-site connections and educational opportunities happen at the Fire-Rescue International (FRI) 2021. The conference provides purposeful learning opportunities to network with colleagues and subject matter experts. It also allows for us to gain insight on the advancement and success of other divisions.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Teen Police Academy:

This past week, the Smyrna Police Department hosted a teen police academy. The goal of the teen police academy was to bring young men and women to the police department to give them an opportunity to learn, and to get to know the men and women of SPD.

To summarize what we gained from this week long experience: Smyrna, GA is a great community with great people. Our future is bright because of our kids. When we come together as a community, possibilities are endless! This program was a huge success! Our children that participated did not want the week to end, and quite honestly--neither did we.

We wanted to recognize a few people that helped makes this a special week: the Dunwoody PD, USAF Sgt McDuffie, WSB-TV Chris Jose, Chattahoochee Tech Professor Marshall Armstrong, Lt. Louis Defense, SPD Sgt. Chris Singleton, SPD Officer Taylor Elliott, and SPD Admin Jodi Bennett, just to name a few.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly
Inspections

216

84 Sites

**Total
Estimated
Cost of
Construction
Permits:**

\$868,788

Building Remodel/Residential (8)

(1) Addition; (3) Interior; (3) Re-Roof; 1 (Retaining Wall)

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$189,866

Building Remodel/Commercial (3)

(2) Remodel - **Mint Dental** (3197 S Cobb Dr.)

Vain Bodies (400 Technology Ct, Suite C)

(1) Cell Tower - **T-Mobile** (3380 S Cobb Dr.)

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$678,922

Electrical (3)

HVAC (21)

Signs (10)

Plumbing (1)

(3) Face Change

Big Lots (3791 South Cobb Dr.)

Grease Monkey (2671 S Cobb Dr.)

Jeremiah's Italian Ice (4585 S Cobb Dr. Ste. 100)

(6) Wall

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Grease Monkey (2671 S Cobb Dr.)

Jeremiah's Italian Ice (4585 S Cobb Dr. Ste. 100)

La Mexicana Supermarket (1900 S Cobb Dr.)

State Farm x2 (3246 Atlanta Rd.)

(1) Monument

Creatwood Forest Subdivision (Creatwood Trail)

New Businesses

SHAMROCK BUILDING SYSTEMS, INC.

Construction
1298 CONCORD RD SE
Ward 6

HIP HOP HEADS BREWERY, LLC

Home Office for Startup Brewery
2603 Lynhaven Lane
Ward 3

PARKS & RECREATION

Smyrna Handmade Market: The Smyrna Handmade Market hosted 50 vendors last Sunday. The market, that will operate every Sunday through mid-October, has quickly become a popular event among its nearly 500 visitors each week. The Wednesday Market is also becoming a place to visit for approximately 50 shoppers, with 20 vendors selling their specialty items this week. The reason the market is such a hit is the variety of goods that vendors are providing each week. Some vendors, like Tina, with Country Rhoades Crafts, have become a market favorite, joining every Sunday and Wednesday since the market began. She brings handmade lye soaps, local goat cheese, freshly picked vegetables and diabetes friendly preserves. Hawks' Bakery, another customer favorite, is a locally owned and operated, husband and wife team. The couple brings amazing baked goods like cookies, brownies, pies and cakes, along with homemade biscuits, baklava and lemon squares. If you have a special request, they will go out of their way to honor it. We'll see you Sunday 11:00 am – 3:00 pm in the Market Village and on Wednesdays 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Taylor-Brawner Park. Bring a basket or your favorite tote bag and stop on in.



PARKS & RECREATION

Summer Camp: Summer Camp is coming to a close this week, but campers are already looking forward to Fall Break Camp. In celebration of the Olympic Games, campers enjoyed Olympic week last week. Campers participated in the Color War games, enjoying friendly competition. Campers took home ribbons and medals to showcase their accomplishments.



Fall Leagues and Fall Classes: Fall Leagues and Fall Classes will begin in August. Participants look forward to joining their favorite activities including baseball, soccer, dance, gymnastics and Tae Kwon Do, among others. Adults may find it fun to relieve a little work stress and play softball or basketball, or join an indoor volleyball league. Whatever you and your children are interested in, you're sure to find something to enjoy when looking at all of the activities Parks & Rec has to offer.

Visit the city website or
<https://secure.rec1.com/GA/smyrna-ga/catalog>



Reservation Opportunities: Parks & Recreation continues to serve the community with programs for youth and adults, as well as offer reservation opportunities for those seeking spaces for events. Event examples include birthday parties, weddings, anniversary celebrations, graduations, family reunions, and more. Through these activities, during the week of July 19– July 25, P&R generated just over **\$26,000** in revenue. In addition, RiverLine, Jonquil, Brinkley and Chuck Camp Parks are serving as host sites for Smyrna Little League and NASA/Tophat Soccer play throughout the week as well.

PARKS & RECREATION

Mayor's State of the City Address: Parks and Recreation staff, led by Director Richard Garland, worked hard this week preparing the large gym at the community center for the Mayor's State of The City Address. The efforts of many transformed the area from a gym to a lovely event space. Staffers carpeted floors, hung pipes and drapery, and hauled in beautiful greenery of trees and plants to offer a welcoming atmosphere to guests.



Baseball Tournament: Perfect Game Baseball continues to host their tournament at Ward Park through Friday, July 30.



Tolleson Pool: Tolleson Pool is in its last full week of opening. Beginning in August, the pool will operate weekends only through Labor Day.



New Hours of Operation - Smyrna Community Center - Effective August 1st:

Monday-Friday 8am-8pm

Saturday 8am-10pm

Sunday 10am-7pm

Expanded hours available for rentals



Wolfe Adult Recreation Center: The Wolfe Adult Recreation Center is averaging about 95 visitors per day. Guests are participating in water walks, lap swims and aquatic exercise classes at the Therapy Pool. There are fitness classes, including chair yoga, Pilates, Zumba, and much more on the land side. The WC fitness area added some new equipment for seniors to workout on. The new pieces include and elliptical, arc trainer, recumbent bike and stretch trainer.